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BOARD OF EXAMINERS FOR AUDIOLOGISTS, HEARING AID DISPENSERS & SPEECH-LANGUAGE PATHOLOGISTS

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Criminal History Records Check – Out of State Applicants

A full Criminal History Records Check is a requirement to obtain a license issued by the Maryland Board of Examiners for Audiologists, Hearing Aid Dispensers and Speech-Language Pathologists. This includes all initial licenses, transfers from limited to full licensure, and all renewal licenses (including reinstatement of a license or reactivation of a license). Each individual only needs to complete the process once for this Board.

These instructions are for individuals who reside outside of Maryland where it is inconvenient to come to Maryland to complete the fingerprinting process. Please note that it is best to obtain fingerprints in Maryland. If fingerprints are able to be completed in Maryland please follow the procedure in the In-State instructions.

The Department of Public Safety and Correctional Services, Criminal Justice Information System (CJIS) oversees Criminal History Records Checks. The record checks are conducted by the applicant/licensee being fingerprinted.

CJIS Authorization #:	1600003672
FBI ORI #:	MD920528Z
Reason Fingerprinted:	Audiology license Hearing Aid Dispenser license Speech-Language Pathology license Speech-Language Pathology Assistant license
Type of Check:	Governmental Licensing/Certification

In order to comply with the Criminal History Records Check requirement and to not delay the issuance of a license, please abide by these instructions. Please note that it may take up to five weeks for CJIS to issue the required reports to the Board.

Out-of-state residents may use a location outside the State of Maryland, but must use the CJIS fingerprint card that has pre-printed Board-specific information.

Call the Board at 410-764-4725 to request a fingerprint card. Applicants for an initial license should request a fingerprint card at least six weeks in advance of the anticipated date that licensure is required. License renewal candidates should request a fingerprint card no later than April 15,

2018 to ensure sufficient time to complete the process and complete the online renewal process. These timeframes assume an individual mails the fingerprint card to Maryland CJIS within a week of receiving the fingerprint card and having the fingerprints taken.

Once the fingerprint process is complete you must mail the fingerprint card to the following address with a check for \$31.25 payable to the "CJIS Central Repository."

CJIS Central Repository
PO Box 32708
Pikesville, MD 21282-2708

Make a copy of the receipt with the tracking number that was issued to you. Legibly write your full name and profession on the copy being mailed to the Board (may be included with the application for licensure). Mail a copy of the receipt for fingerprinting to:

Maryland Board of AUD HAD SLP
ATTN: Background Check
4201 Patterson Avenue, 3rd Floor
Baltimore, MD 21215

For applicants for initial licensure: Once the results of the background check are received the application process will be completed in accordance with Board regulations and policies.

For renewal applicants: Once the results of the background check are received the Board will make the necessary changes to allow access to the online renewal process within 48 hours (notice will be provided via e-mail).

For additional information contact CJIS:

via telephone at 410-764-4501; or

via their website at <http://www.dpscs.maryland.gov/publicservs/fingerprint.shtml>.

Effective October 1, 2016

Every new applicant submitting an application on or after October 1, 2016 for a license issued by the Board must submit a criminal history records check (CHRC) to the Board. This includes license reinstatement and license reactivation when this requirement has not previously been fulfilled.

This is a requirement of the application process and it is a one-time requirement. All fees associated with the criminal history records check requirement must be borne by the applicant/licensee.

A license will not be issued unless proof of the CHRC is on file with the Board.

Individuals with an incomplete application as of October 1, 2016, with the Board must submit a CHRC to the Board. This is a requirement prior to the issuance of a license.

Individuals holding a full license on or after October 1, 2016 will be required to submit evidence of the CHRC to the Board prior to the issuance of a renewal license.

Please **do not** call the Board's offices for an update on a background check. The background check is completed by a separate state agency. The Board has no control over the amount of time it takes to complete the check. If you have not received the results of the criminal history background check after thirty days, you may contact CJIS directly at 410- 764-4501.

Please refer to § 2-303.1 Criminal History Record Checks of the Maryland Board of Examiners for Audiologists, Hearing Aid Dispensers and Speech-Language Pathologists for a full description of the requirements.

AGENCY PRIVACY REQUIREMENTS FOR NONCRIMINAL JUSTICE APPLICANTS

Authorized governmental and non-governmental agencies/officials that conduct a national fingerprint-based criminal history record check on an applicant for a noncriminal justice purpose (such as employment or a license, immigration or naturalization matter, security clearance, or adoption) are obligated to ensure the applicant is provided certain notices and that the results of the check are handled in a manner that protects the applicant's privacy. All notices must be provided in writing.¹ These obligations are pursuant to the Privacy Act of 1974, Title 5, United States Code (U.S.C.), Section 552a, and Title 28, Code of Federal Regulations (CFR), Section 50.12, among other authorities.

- Officials must ensure that each applicant receives an adequate written FBI Privacy Act Statement (dated 2013 or later) when the applicant submits his/her fingerprints and associated personal information.²
- Officials must advise all applicants in writing that procedures for obtaining a change, correction, or update of an FBI criminal history record are set forth at 28 CFR 16.34. Information regarding this process may be found at <https://www.fbi.gov/services/cjis/identity-history-summary-checks> and <https://www.edo.cjis.gov>.
- Officials must provide the applicant the opportunity to complete or challenge the accuracy of the information in the FBI criminal history record.
- Officials should not deny the employment, license, or other benefit based on information in the FBI criminal history record until the applicant has been afforded a reasonable time to correct or complete the record or has declined to do so.
- Officials must use the FBI criminal history record for authorized purposes only and cannot retain or disseminate it in violation of federal statute, regulation or executive order, or rule, procedure or standard established by the National Crime Prevention and Privacy Compact Council.³

The FBI has no objection to officials providing a copy of the applicant's FBI criminal history record to the applicant for review and possible challenge when the record was obtained based on positive fingerprint identification. If agency policy permits, this courtesy will save the applicant the time and additional FBI fee to obtain his/her record directly from the FBI by following the procedures found at 28 CFR 16.30 through 16.34. It will also allow the officials to make a more timely determination of the applicant's suitability.

Each agency should establish and document the process/procedures it utilizes for how/when it gives the applicant the FBI Privacy Act Statement, the 28 CFR 50.12 notice, and the opportunity to correct his/her record. Such documentation will assist State and/or FBI auditors during periodic compliance reviews on use of FBI criminal history records for noncriminal justice purposes.

Name: _____

Date: _____

¹ Written notification includes electronic notification, but excludes oral notification.

² See <https://www.fbi.gov/services/cjis/compact-council/privacy-act-statement>

³ See 5 U.S.C. 552a(b); 28 U.S.C. 534(b); 34 U.S.C. § 40316 (formerly cited as 42 U.S.C. § 14616), Article IV(c); 28 CFR 20.21(c), 20.33(d), 50.12(b) and 906.2(d).